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8. A NOTE ON THE PREDATION OF JUNGLE MYNA (*ACRIDOTHERES FUSCUS* WAGLER) ON FIELD MOUSE

On the evening of 2nd June 1978 I was watching for wild dogs and at 1746 hrs. a jungle myna alighted on the ground 30 metres away from me and caught an ashy white animal. When I carefully observed it with binoculars I found it to be a field mouse, probably a young. The myna had caught the head end of the mouse and battered it repeatedly. Occasionally the bird screeched as if it had got into a trouble by tackling an unusual prey. By 1749 hrs. the mouse appeared to be dead and the myna, after having placed

it on the ground and (battering) shaking it throughly, flew off and dropped it in to its nest hole on an *Albizia odoratissima* tree at a height of 9-10 metres. Later when I moved from the original place I could see the gaping mouths of two nestlings but I was uncertain whether the mouse was swallowed by a chick. Once I saw a crow-pheasant hopping along a water edge trying to catch frogs, which I thought was to be expected. But the ability of a myna to kill a mouse was something I never expected.

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9. THE NESTING OF TICKELL'S FLYCATCHER (*MUSCICAPA TICKELLIAE*) IN BOMBAY

Many years ago Betham took eggs of Tickell's Blue Flycatcher (*Muscicapa tickelliae*) at Poona in July/August and Davidson on Kondabhari Ghat, near Dhulia, in July.

In NIDIFICATION (2 : 202), Stuart Baker presumably with additional data, said it bred at Poona and the Western Ghats from May/June to August.